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## Prez hopeful speaks to campus

*Budget, diversity,  
sports brought up*

By **CHRIS BAUSINGER**  
Staff Writer

For the second day in a row, the Engineering Auditorium was filled to its back walls for the introduction of an SJSU presidential candidate, Jon Whitmore. His speech was the second of three that have occurred this week, already having Elizabeth Grobsmith on campus Tuesday.

Whitmore didn't have a formal statement prepared but began the open forum by sharing his administrative philosophy.

"My philosophy of administration is to put people first, to make sure you have quality faculty and quality students interacting in the classrooms, the laboratories, on campus and outside of the classroom in order to have a full educational experience," Whitmore said to an audience that included an "overflow" room where some watched on a television.

He spent about an hour in the open

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Jon Whitmore listens to Dominique van Hooff, chair of the department of foreign languages, as she speaks of what needs to be done for SJSU.

## Presidential experience separates Whitmore

By **KIMBERLY TSAO**  
Staff Writer

Jon Whitmore, an SJSU presidential candidate sported the university's colors on his tie and stood in the middle of the stage ready for questions during a public forum in the Engineering Auditorium on Wednesday.

Whitmore separated himself from another candidate, Elizabeth Grobsmith, in his stance on SJSU President Kassing's suspension of blood drives on campus. While Grobsmith talked about possibly reversing the suspension, Whitmore said he has no plans to overturn

Kassing's decision because he feels it's in line with the university's values.

This came as somewhat of a surprise at first since Whitmore last worked in Texas, a conservative state. In retrospect, however, his reasoning for supporting the suspension fits with strict, uncompromising values.

SJSU supporters of the blood drive suspension can only hope Whitmore is a man of his word lest the university's nondiscrimination policy be reduced to a bunch of words.

Since 2003, Whitmore has been serving as president

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## Sonoma State provost to speak

*Eduardo Ochoa rounds out  
presidential candidate forums*

By **TOMMY WRIGHT**  
Staff Writer

Eduardo Ochoa is the only SJSU presidential candidate out of the three finalists with experience in the California State University system. He currently serves as provost and vice president of academic affairs at Sonoma State University.

Sonoma State President Ruben Arminana said Ochoa is "very dependable."

"He is a good academic leader who is very committed to the mission of the CSU of access, excellence and affordability," Arminana said. "He is a very bright and thoughtful individual who is highly analytical and works very hard."

Arminana, who is also a member of the Advisory Committee for the Selection of the President, said he has enjoyed his frequent conversations with Ochoa on topics ranging from academic values and politics to film and food.

At Sonoma State, Ochoa has been an active member of the CSU system's Academic Council, according to his curriculum vitae. He was also a part of an ongoing

effort to reform the general education program at the university.

Ochoa's CSU experiences go back long before he started at Sonoma State in 2003. Ochoa was the dean of the College of Business Administration at Cal Poly Pomona before he moved to Sonoma State.

Stanley Abraham, a professor in the College of Business Administration at Cal Poly Pomona, worked with Ochoa while he was at the university.

"I thought he was very personable,

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on Friday and Monday's edition  
for news coverage and commentary  
about Eduardo Ochoa's visit to SJSU.

## Financial aid advocates and Katrina relief group recognized

By **BRIANA HERNANDEZ**  
Senior Staff Writer

Out of SJSU's 251 registered student organizations and clubs, two were recognized for their accomplishments at SJSU's second annual Student Organization Recognition Banquet on Wednesday, April 30. SJSU's Student Advocates for Higher Education and Gulf Coast Civic Works Project were both named Student Organization of the Year.

Cesar Juarez, a community liaison for Student Advocates, said the mission of the group was to promote higher education for undocumented students who are ineligible for government aid to pay for their education.

Cesar's brother, Eddie Juarez, a senior animation major and member of the group since 2003, said he was an undocumented student at SJSU and his involvement came from the personal struggles that accompanied exclusion from government aid.

"I've been going to San Jose State since 2002," he said, "and I've been paying cash. I can't get no financial aid. I can't get no student loans. I'm paying cash. That's just hard work right there."

According to the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, federal law prohibits Eddie and other undocumented students from receiving financial aid for college in all states except for 10, including California. These 10 states can pay for in-state tuition for undocumented students who attend high school in that state for three or more years.

Eddie said despite the level of involvement from the group's members, the majority of the members are not undocumented students who do not share his struggles.

"It's good because they have a voice," he said. "Since they are legal, they can vote. We cannot vote."

Throughout his time with the group, Cesar said they won several awards, the latest being SJSU's award for Student Organization of the Year. Previous awards have included the Santa Clara County Human Relations Award, an award from the National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies and recognition from the office of Congressman Mike Honda.

Cesar said the group is also slated to receive an award from the Immigration Legal Resource Center in San Francisco next week. With all of these awards, Cesar said he was still appreciative of being honored by SJSU.

"We're proud of the San Jose State award because that means we are being recognized by our university, which is always helpful," he said.

Cesar said some of the activities and accomplishments that put the club in the running for such awards included various forums, lobbying to pass the DREAM Act, marches in San Francisco and visits to local high schools to educate undocumented students on their rights to higher education.

Another endeavor Cesar said he attempted this semester was to get SJSU President Don Kassing to write an editorial in the San Jose Mercury

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## Beginning actors get a taste of the jitters

*'You learn how to not hold back and just let everything out,' student says*

By **MICHAEL PASAOA**  
Senior Staff Writer

"You know I took acting, then I dropped it?" one student asked her friends as she walked past Hugh Gillis Hall, Room 226, the home of a beginning acting class taught by Laura Long. "I couldn't do it. I couldn't do it."

Faisal Omar, a sophomore aviation major, said he took the class because he knew it was going to be fun.

"You shouldn't get nervous when you're acting," he said. "It's an easy class."

Long, who said she has been teaching the class for 11 years, said she has taught people who start out terrified of standing in front of anyone, including one of the students who performed Wednesday.

"She would shake uncontrollably she was so nervous," Long said. "She was lively and delightful today."

"Whether she goes to entertainment or not," Long added, "I think she's more grounded and representing herself and her ideas."

Long said students have switched majors after taking her class.

"They decided that the engineering degree their dad wanted them to have was really not the way they wanted to go," Long said.

Some students said they learned to have more self-confidence.

"You learn how to not hold back and just let everything out," said Jonathan Churchwell, a mechanical engineering major. "You can get the difference between acting and actually becoming the character."

Rachael Sylvis, a freshman art major, agreed.

"It's a big confidence builder," she said. "It's nerve wracking, but after a while you get used to it."

One student said his adviser told him the class would help him learn about himself.

"I learned I'm not trying be an actor," said Andres Vargas, an undeclared freshman. "It makes you find your identity when you have to play the role of other identities."

Bernita Dillard, a junior business administration major, said she had previous acting experience and didn't learn much more than she already knew.

"It's because I'm a natural performer," she said. "I've been performing since I was young."

She said, however, that she would recommend the class to shy people.

"There were definitely quite a few shy people, and I definitely think they opened up," Dillard said. "I don't know if they blossomed to their fullest potential within the class, but I definitely feel from beginning to the end, I saw a difference in how they performed."



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Megan Smith, a second year health science major, and Lexie Loya, a first year film major, work on a scene from the movie Cruel Intentions on Wednesday.

Others with previous experience said they learned something new. "It got more complex than stuff I ever did in high school," said Brandon Roos, a junior English major. "I thought it really took my acting a step further."

Long said the beginning acting class starts with improvisation techniques, then three performance assignments to build students' skills in acting.

"It helps you appreciate movies

more," said Mark Lahlouh, a sophomore more mechanical engineering major, "and appreciate what actors have to go through."

Long said the class satisfies students' humanities general education requirement.

"Everyone not only got to know each other and stuff, it just had a different vibe from regular classes," said Jason Moore, a junior English major. "It was more personal, I think."

## INSIDE the DAILY

### DEAR FUTURE SJSU PRESIDENT

A laundry list of recommendations for the next head of office, courtesy of a concerned fifth-year Spartan.

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### ZERO WINS FOR ZITO

The winless Giants' ace doesn't have too much going for him, other than too much money.

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CORRECTION

Wednesday’s article “Penalties on Athletics upheld by NCAA” incorrectly stated that an NCAA decision to lay penalties on the SJSU athletics program occurred in 2007, when it should have stated that the decision was made in 2008.

CLUBS|Group sets goals

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News in support of the DREAM Act. Kassing has yet to act on the request, Cesar said.

Both Cesar and Eddie said their group had many plans for the future, including an educator’s conference to inform administrators on how to advise undocumented students.

“We don’t see us stopping until we achieve our dream,” Cesar said.

Another group making strives to change government policy is actually the first SJSU student organization to introduce legislation into Congress, said Scott Myers-Lipton, SJSU professor and founder of SJSU’s Gulf

Coast Civic Works Project, which was also awarded SJSU’s Student Organization of the Year alongside Student Advocates for Higher Education.

Myers-Lipton said his group had a successful year with their introduction of the HR 4048 bill into Congress, which calls for a minimum of 100,000 jobs and paid apprenticeships for Gulf Coast residents to rebuild the areas obliterated by Hurricane Katrina. Much of the rebuilding would include civic buildings such as schools, fire stations and police stations.

“Those basic things are still down,” Myers-Lipton said, “which is amazing almost two years later.”

Latu Tapaatoutai, a junior history major and member of the group since last semester, said she dedicated 12 to 15 hours a week volunteering for the Gulf Coast cause. Tapaatoutai said she was still saddened that the effects of Hurricane Katrina were no longer a major subject in the media.

“There’s not a lot of talk about it,” she said, “not even in the presidential debates.”

In an e-mail, Tapaatoutai added, “In the realms of social action and producing change, we must also think of ‘what can we do next’ and ‘why.’”

Myers-Lipton said the long-term goal of the group was to get HR 4048 passed within 100 days of the next presidency. He also said the group was looking forward to reaching out to both Democratic and Republican parties, and, most importantly, to students who are looking to join the cause.

“There is space for you to come and make history,” he said.

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SJSU Student Film Festival

Hosted by the Film Production Society, the festival will showcase all types of short films produced by students. 7 p.m. at the University Theatre at 5th and San Fernando Streets Contact: Andrew Hellesen, hellesen7@yahoo.com

Bible Study

Acts 2 Christian Fellowship has weekly Bible studies on Thursdays. 7 p.m. at the Student Union Costanoan

Room Contact: Justin Foon, 415-786-9873, jfoon1@yahoo.com

Tomorrow

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The Guru Nanak Heritage Institute for Punjabi Studies

The Punjabi Studies Funding Support in conjunction with the SJSU College of Humanities and Arts and the Office of University Advancement are holding a gala dinner event celebrating the establishment of the Guru Nanak Heritage Institute for Punjabi Studies. 6:30 to 10 p.m. at Rosewater Hall, 1180 Murphy Ave., San Jose. Contact: Sharan Kaur, (831) 840-2819

Saturday

Sept 11, Blue Print for Truth The Architecture of Destruction

Presented by MOSAIC, the Cesar Chavez Center. 12 to 4 p.m. at the Engineering Auditorium. Contact: (408) 482-0371, gvillagran@casa.sjsu.edu

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SPORTS COMMENTARY

Zito's \$126M act starts 0-7

By **JESSE KIMBREL**  
Staff Writer

When the San Francisco Giants signed Barry Zito to what was the richest contract given to a pitcher in Major League Baseball history, he said he wanted to be the type of pitcher that a team could be built around.

That was a nice thought.

He seems like a pleasant guy. I've even heard the \$126 million man play his guitar on sports radio personality Jim Rome's show to the tune of "Together on the Sand" by one of my favorite bands, NOFX.

What's not so pleasant about Zito is that he posted a 7.53 ERA through his first six starts, all of which he lost, and was supposed to be the ace of the Giants pitching staff.

When manager Bruce Bochy made Zito the opening-day starter on a team that includes Matt Cain and Tim Lincecum, he must have been going on how much money Zito makes rather than how much talent he has.

Of the five starters on staff, Zito is the one who throws like a beer league softball player who can't find his location with an underhand lob. How can a former Cy Young Award winner be unable to throw a baseball over 85 mph?

For the majority of his career, Zito could get away with not having a rocket arm because he had one of the best curveballs in the majors.

In his first spring training with the Giants in 2007, Zito showed up with a new delivery he'd been working on. Perhaps he's had a hard time figuring out how exactly that new delivery should feel.

Maybe the Giants front office felt they had to give Zito \$126 million after losing out on outfielders Alfonso Soriano, Gary Matthews Jr. and Carlos Lee to other teams in free agency.

And how can you blame a guy for saying yes to \$126 million?

The Giants didn't do the research they should have before they signed a guy who they aren't getting any production from today.

Last week, Bochy made the call to pull Zito from the starting rotation and send him to the bullpen so he could work out some kinks.

The problem with the move is that it doesn't really accomplish anything. You send this nice guy to the bullpen, which is finally in good shape, to do what — lob up slow pitch softballs in the late innings when the game is on the line? There's nothing more the opposition would appreciate than seeing a late-inning Zito.

That said, thank you Kevin Correia for finding the 15-day disabled list so Zito could make another start on Wednesday — a game in which Zito gave up a home run to the Pirates' Xavier Nady — and was pulled after five innings. It was his seventh loss of the season.

Four new recruits sign with SJSU women's basketball

Staff Report

The SJSU women's basketball team welcomed four new players who signed national letters of intent on Wednesday, including two players named to California Community College All-State teams.

Kelly Blair from Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo, Chasity Shavers from Tyler Junior College in Texas, and San Joaquin Delta College teammates Ashley Brown and Shaunna Ridge inked their names.

In 2008, Blair and Ridge were named to California Community

College All-State second- and third-teams respectively.

Blair, who was also named Western State Conference Player of the Year, achieved a Cuesta-record 23.8 points per game last season.

Ridge, a forward, and Brown, a guard, led Stockton's San Joaquin Delta to a 30-7 record in 2008.

Shavers was honored as a first-team All-Region XIV selection in 2008. The guard was the conference leader in 3-point percentage and averaged 10.4 points per game.

This was the first group of signees for the Spartans since Nov. 26, when four players from California high schools agreed to national letters of intent during the in-season.

Those players were guards Monique Coble and Brittany Williams, forward Autumn Spikes and center Dominique Hamilton.

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# 10 Mother’s Day gifts that beat a Hallmark card

**By CODY HAUETER**  
*Senior Staff Writer*

Mother’s Day is one of those holidays that can never be ignored. It’s a time to show your utmost appreciation to the person you call “Mom.” What better way to do that than by giving her a gift she’ll never forget — one that she’ll actually appreciate? Forget the generic Hallmark card; take the time to show your mom how much you appreciate her by giving her something she can really use.

**Handmade card:** Moms love this kind of stuff. They love it when you put some time into making them something. It shows that you really do acknowledge what they’ve done for you, and you’re willing to put it down in words — your own words.

**Personalized video message:** Obviously some students will not be able to fly or drive home this weekend to see their moms in person, but there is another option. Send her a special video message. Calling to say “Happy Mother’s Day” is nice, but she’ll really appreciate seeing your face. Just make sure whatever’s

in the background does not involve all of the dirty clothes in your dorm room.

**Spa day:** Treat your mom to the ultimate feel-good day by sending her away to an amazing spa day. Or, even better, go with her. Not only will she be incredibly relaxed all day long, she will enjoy spending quality time with you.

**Home-cooked meal:** Surprise your mom by waking up early and cooking her a fabulous breakfast. Or, if you’re not excited about waking up early, volunteer to cook dinner. Whatever you decide to do, don’t let your mom lift a finger to help. It’s her day, and she shouldn’t have to do any work.

**Do a big favor:** Gas isn’t cheap these days, and one thing your mom might appreciate is if you steal her car for a couple hours, fill up her gas tank and take it through a car wash. It’s a gift idea that she will remember for weeks.

**Combine the family:** Instead of just getting a gift for your mom,

**6** plan a get-together with the whole family. There’s nothing Mom will enjoy more than seeing the whole gang together. It’s not like when you were younger and she needed a break from the hectic schedule. She’ll appreciate time with the whole family.

**7** **Something that glitters:** Most moms wouldn’t turn down a pretty piece of jewelry, but moms are usually pretty good at

spotting a thoughtless gift. It’s easy to go spend some money on a pretty necklace or bracelet, so if you’re going to do it, make sure to do some extra research about the exact kind of jewelry your mom likes. That way it won’t seem like a generic Mother’s Day gift.

**8** **Mixbook:** There’s this cool little Website called ixbook.com where you can create an entire photo album online and then get it printed and sent to your door. It’s like the scrapbooking of the

future. No more cutting up paper and spending tons of money on printing photos. Everything is done with a few easy clicks of your mouse, and it’s completely personalized.

**Digital picture frame:** This is the gift that just keeps on giving. Your mom can put this little gadget on her desk at work or at home. You can load it with pictures of yourself and the family, and

she can enjoy them all day long.

**Chocolate and flowers:** It’s the classic choice that never gets old. It’s simply a no-brainer. What mom doesn’t love this combination? Don’t, however, let this be your only gift to her. These should be used to complement whatever else you decide to do for her.



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# JON|‘I know California’ OCHOA|Helped create study abroad program



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Jon Whitmore (right) listens to SJSU staff and community members after giving his pitch.

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forum answering the audience’s questions, ranging from the budget and faculty startup packages to diversity on campus.

Whitmore said he was not fully informed on the budget and cultural diversity of SJSU, but he answered questions on the topic with examples of actions taken during his previous university tenures.

During the forum, members of the campus community, mainly faculty and staff, asked questions to the presidential candidate. The lack of student presence was apparent in the packed auditorium.

Even though only a few students were present, some questions that were asked affected everyone on campus.

A member of the audience asked Whitmore to explain his philosophy on international studies and the diversity of students on campus.

He responded by acknowledging that in his former position at Texas Tech University, he emphasized the importance of building programs that increase diversity and also helping “not as well-off” students find the means to study abroad.

Whitmore was asked about the importance of athletics and academics, and he said it was normal for sports to be held in high importance at

his previous universities, being that both the University of Iowa and Texas Tech have successful football programs.

Members of the local media asked Whitmore about being named as a candidate for the open chancellor position at Louisiana State University.

“I have never applied to the position of the LSU chancellorship,” Whitmore said. “Somebody sent them my curriculum vitae ... (SJSU) is the one that we are interested in, and we are focusing on it at this time.”

In his statements, Whitmore used the term “we,” referring to him and his wife Jennifer, whom he described as his life partner.

He said he saw the campus as a rare place.

“I think this is a unique community, a very diverse community, a very well-educated community.”

While visiting SJSU, Whitmore was able to tour the campus and reminisce about his past time in California.

“I have not been on the campus (before),” he said. “I had done research at Stanford and at Berkeley, and I spent a summer in San Francisco, and I have a Ph.D. from UC Santa Barbara, so I spent a lot of time there, and I know California. I am not surprised at all that it is a great campus.”

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very organized,” Abraham said. “He tried to keep the college moving in the right direction.”

Abraham also said Ochoa encouraged international programs at the university.

According to his curriculum vitae, Ochoa developed academic and exchange programs in London; Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and Blumenau, Brazil.

Ochoa also spent time at Cal State Los Angeles and Fresno State.

He was a lecturer at Fresno State. At Cal State Los Angeles, Ochoa was a professor in the department of economics and statistics. He received a Faculty Enrichment Award at the university in 1985, according to the curriculum vitae. He later became the chair of the department

and served as the acting dean of the School of Business and Economics from 1996 to 1997.

Before his time in the CSU system, Ochoa was an instructor the State University of New York, College at Old Westbury. He has also worked as a consultant and an engineer.

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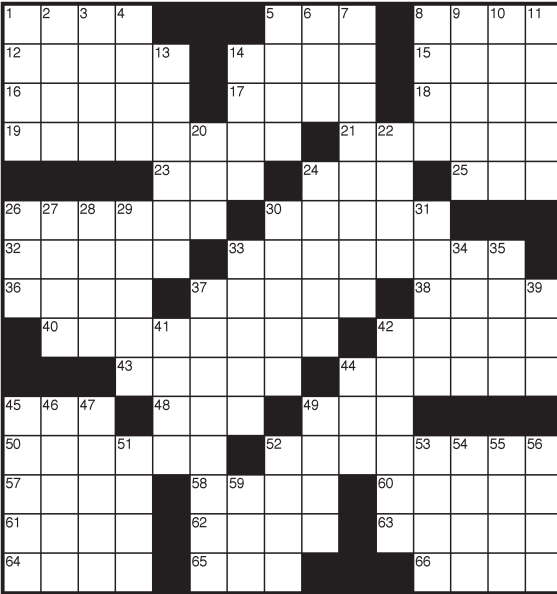
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## Next university president; don't mess up



KYLE HANSEN

*Fighting Insanity*

Dear Elizabeth Grobsmith, Jon Whitmore and Eduardo Ochoa:

Welcome to SJSU. I hope you have enjoyed your visits this week. One of you will, we assume, be the next president of this university.

I am graduating in two weeks, so I won't be here to see how things turn out. But I am still concerned about who the president is going to be. Plus, I have learned a few things during my five years on this campus. Maybe I can share some things that will help you adjust to life at SJSU.

The new president will be the key figure in maintaining the image and perception of the university. He or she needs to be able to keep the institution on track so that SJSU remains a quality university. Of course, the better the university is, the better the education section of my resume will look to future employers. In other words, I am counting on one of you to help me get a good job in the future.

One of the obvious concerns the SJSU community has right now is about the search for a new president — not just who the new president is going to be, but also how the search itself will go.

The last time we needed a new president, the whole thing collapsed and none of the finalists were selected. That led to another search, after which Paul Yu was selected to lead the university. But things fell apart once again when Yu abruptly left after only two weeks on the job — we trust that this isn't going to happen again with one of you.

Luckily, Don Kassing was around to take the reins. Although he has made some mistakes during his tenure (like banning blood drives), he can be credited with saving the football program, overseeing the completion of major construction projects and fostering our close relationship with the city. You will have big shoes to fill, so please continue to build on Kassing's success in all of these areas.

I am not a huge sports fan, and honestly have not been to many sporting events, but I still believe that sports — especially football, baseball and basketball — are important to the university. Just a few years ago, people were calling on SJSU to abandon its football program. Kassing came in, hired Tom Bowen and Dick Tomey, and we even won a bowl game. We are counting on you to be the cheerleader-in-chief for our sports teams.

The SJSU campus itself has improved dramatically in the past couple of years. When I became a Spartan in 2001, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library was under construction and there were still three ugly brick buildings where Campus Village now stands. We need a president who will continue to aggressively build and improve our campus. Our little group of city blocks is an attractive oasis in the middle of downtown, but we need a new science building and an additional parking garage, just to name a few things.

We have also enjoyed a strong relationship between the city and the university. Kassing has been a strong advocate for the university and has fostered connections with Mayor Reed and other community leaders. There are still areas for more collaboration, especially to improve the South Campus area.

One of the things we have especially enjoyed under Kassing's lead has been his openness with the school media. He met with the Spartan Daily every month so reporters could ask him questions, and he has gotten to know some of us personally. He was also willing to let us try new things, such as doing a live video and a live blog of these media conferences for theSpartanDaily.com. This openness is important for the entire university, as the media keep the students informed about what you are doing and why. They will also try to keep you up to date on how the students feel about your decisions.

Another major source of pride for our campus is our great diversity. In fact, as a white male, I am a minority here. And although diversity is a major source of our strength as a university, it isn't a big deal. We enjoy the diversity of the people here; we learn from each other and work together. We don't always agree on everything, but we get along. We need to be sure the next president understands our variety as well as our common traits. He or she needs to be able to build on these strengths.

Now for some specific concerns for each of you:

Elizabeth Grobsmith: I am a little worried about your history with the student newspaper at Northern Arizona University. Of course, you should feel free to disagree with views expressed in the paper, and the adviser there said you did not censor them. But please don't think that the media will let you influence them in any way. As long as you are accessible to them, the reporters should be kind to you or whoever the president is. Of course, if you mess up, they will call you on it, but they should treat you with respect just as the Daily has with Kassing. Just don't try to control them.

Jon Whitmore: I'm a little nervous about your track record in Texas. If you resigned from your position there because they wanted to make the school bigger, why do you think you will do well at a larger university like SJSU?

Eduardo Ochoa: You are the only candidate we have not heard from in person yet. That will happen today. But I am a little puzzled over how you ended up in the running. Currently, you are the provost at Sonoma State, which means that your boss, the president of Sonoma State, is on the search committee for our new president. You might be a good candidate based on your qualifications, but that association raises some questions. Even if there is no funny business, just the appearance of a conflict of interest should be avoided.

All of you seem like outstanding people and have good qualifications to be our next president. Actually, I think the choice will be a decision of who is the best among three excellent options. Just keep your focus on the students and improving our experience on this campus and you'll be fine.

Sincerely,  
Kyle Hansen

*This is the last appearance of "Fighting Insanity." Kyle Hansen is the editor of theSpartanDaily.com.*

## the DAILY QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I'm staying in this race until there is a nominee, and obviously I'm going to work as hard as I can to become that nominee."

SEN. HILLARY CLINTON

*Said Wednesday after an event in Shepherdstown, W. Va.*

## Letter to the editor

*The comment below refers to Lindsay Bryant's news commentary "Grobsmith lacked focus on students" from May 7.*

### Article on Grobsmith misleading

Your article regarding the visit of presidential candidate Elizabeth Grobsmith was extremely poor journalism. The article was labeled as a "commentary," and the headline certainly suggested that an editorial was forthcoming. However, the article that accompanied it contained no editorial commentary, nor did it contain any evidence whatsoever that Grobsmith "lacked a focus on students." To the contrary, the article discussed her desire to improve undergraduate advising and to do other things to improve the lives of students. So I am wondering how you reached the conclusion that she lacked a focus on students. It seems like you merely invented it out of thin air.

Furthermore, the article noted that not a single undergraduate student bothered to attend the open forum for this candidate. Rather than criticize Grobsmith for her lack of focus on students, you should have criticized the students for their "lack of focus" on the selection of our new president.

In the future, your editorials should be confined to the editorial page. More importantly, your conclusions should have some basis in reality, rather than merely being invented by the editorial staff.

*-James Brent  
professor and chair, department of political science*

## Goodbye, but don't give up the fight



MICHAEL RIZZO

*This Queer Life*

Fourteen weeks ago, I started writing a column, and gay came out. "Sex in the City" meets "This American Life" with a gay twist — that's how I pitched it.

Staff bought it, and in 74 years of the Spartan Daily, it's the first editor's column to have a recurring gay theme. In the 23 years of my life, it's the first time being gay has been so exhausting.

Media organizations suck, and over the last 40 years, they've failed at casting an accurate light on gay character. We still carry with us the scars leftover from the ignorant times of McCarthyism, police entrapment and the outbreak of AIDS.

Still comes the occasional skew of reality when discussing issues such as gay marriage, but as we continue our integration into mainstream culture, it seems that the media are slowly coming around.

My executive editor, Kevin Rand, for example, recently told me just how not-a-big-deal it's been to publish a gay column.

"I was fine with it in the beginning, and I'm fine with it now in the end," he said. "You didn't cross any lines. I don't think there's anything inappropriate about a gay column at all."

When I chose to exchange with SJSU this year, it was, in part, because of its proximity to San Francisco, the gay mecca on this side of the nation. But what was supposed to be an exploration of pure and utter Californication evolved into much more of a curious pilgrimage to the Holy Land of my people.

This city boasts gay role models like Mark Patrosso, Silicon Valley's gay Republican pit bull; John Lamantia, of San Jose's social elite; Wiggys Sivertsen, the powerhouse behind South Bay gay political activism; Seth Hodge, our modern-day Rosa Parks; and Troy May, the ON magazine publisher who puts it all in print.

When the gay community made some of its grandest national headlines over the last 40 years, these were the faces behind the stories. These were the people and their friends who paved the way.

Whether it took marches, protests, fundraisers, checks, letters, grievances or just their mere presence, these heroes have fought for all the rights that we, as a community, enjoy today: the right to have sex, the right to commit ourselves to one another, the right to raise a family. Battle by battle, they were fighting a war that still rages today for the right just to love.

Now, we, the second generation of gays in our modern world, are lucky to have these people to look to and their examples to emulate, because in their day, they had no such luxury.

We have freedoms now, half-assed freedoms like "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and civil unions. They've appeased us. They've quieted us down, and some of us have thought, "Good enough."

It's so easy now, isn't it, to get complacent about our status, to just stick to our circle, be chameleons, blend in?

No. That's not OK. Good enough is not good enough.

When the president of our university takes a stand against federally institutionalized homophobia, we need to rally behind him.

While our university enters the most preliminary stages of planning a million-dollar campus queer center, our voices need to be heard.

And if we want administration to purchase \$10 unisex bathroom signs for the less than 20 single-occupant bathrooms on campus, our voices need to be loud.

You have to talk about it, and you have to say it. You have to say it out loud, and everyone has to listen, because any kind of love is fine. It's the hate you have to watch.

And if they don't want to go there, we'll take them there, because "there" is real, and 10 percent of the world's population has pitched a tent — there.

"If I don't 'go there,' then it's like I was never there at all," comedian Margaret Cho once said. "If we all got together and had this big too-much-information, go-there voice, if we just went and did it, that would equal power, and that power would equal change, and that change would equal a revolution."

The gay bar is worth a shot. Gay blood is not bad blood. Different is not wrong.

*This is the last appearance of "This Queer Life." Michael Rizzo is the Spartan Daily project manager.*

## Seeing in a new language



By DINA BASLAN  
Staff Writer

Four years ago, the night before my 6 a.m. one-way flight to California, sweet sleep ruined my friends' plan to spend the last hours together before I left the country not to return until the following summer — their eyes closed drifting into their dreams. So I sat watching them, wide-eyed, with absolutely nothing running through my mind except for the sound of the ticking clock.

I didn't know what to expect of the new space I was about to enter. California sounded nothing like Amman, Jordan. It sounded cool as far as I knew.

But nothing was cool about the first few months.

Before I learned to love the trees and the open-space gallery of hanging, fluffy clouds, I wished I'd stopped thinking so much about home.

That phase wore itself out, though, and the English language followed nature in becoming my new exploratory venue. I loved living my days in a new language as though it was a new pair of jeans I was wearing on a date. Those jeans weren't just sitting in my closet; I was actually wearing them.

And as my infatuation with English elevated, Professor Susan Schuler came along.

I had taken a class called Creative Writing at West Valley Community College, oblivious to the fact that creative meant much more than metaphors and similes. Creative writing, I came to learn, wasn't only about language that sounded good.

Schuler walked into class the first day of instruction with her pitch-black dog by her

side. Tramp was a beautiful pet, but he was more so an extension of her impotent eyes.

Schuler was blind.

With a wide, cheerful smile and gestures that communicated better than words, Schuler welcomed and introduced us to her class. The course that she had put together emphasized English writing and disability studies.

One day an argument developed between two students when one of them said: "Well yes, I understand, but this can go on forever. It's like looking into two mirrors facing each other. This discussion will never end."

Schuler clapped her hands and held her arms close to her chest with a gesture of amusement. She said: "Wow, how amazing would that be, looking into two mirrors facing each other? How I would love to experience that! It is like looking into infinity, isn't it?"

Her enthusiasm toward something I, along with the rest of the students, thought ordinary thrilled me. I thought of other things we miss in our daily lives and imagined how fulfilling it was to appreciate every little thing we encountered. For her, words quenched her thirsty imagination, and I wanted to experience that.

Perhaps by then, I thought I had already obtained a well-developed comfort in expressing myself in English, but Schuler brought a new depth that I hadn't fathomed before. We looked into literature, fairy tales, short stories that had disabled characters and analyzed the perception of disability in the words of writers and scholars.

That night when anxiousness had turned into insomnia, I didn't know that not only would my surroundings change, but the people whom I was about to meet on the other side of the world would change my life.

But with Schuler and her class, it wasn't about living in America, or about being away from my home that enabled me to open my eyes to something of which I was unaware. It was about coming across a person who allowed me to imagine living in a world of blackness, free of a blinded heart.

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# Biology department grant allows for restructuring

**By CASEY JAY**  
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SJSU’s biology department was granted \$1.3 million from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, according to a news release.

The institute is giving a total of \$60 million to 48 schools nationwide to help them create changes in science education.

Julio Soto, associate professor of biology and science education, applied for and will oversee the use of the grant.

“This wasn’t open to every school,” Soto said. “You had to be invited and then apply.”

He said President Kassing received the invitation from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute last spring and asked the biology faculty who would like to respond.

“I said I’d do it, and from June through October we were working on the proposal,” Soto said.

Susan Lambrecht, a professor of biology who worked closely with Soto on the grant, said SJSU attempted to earn a Howard Hughes grant

several times over the past 20 years.

“I’m really excited to be part of a time when it’s being funded here,” she said. “They’re really difficult to get.”

Soto said the grant would be divided up for many different purposes within the biology department.

“First, the funds will be used to restructure the biology core sequence,” he said.

The freshmen biology major courses currently include a three-semester core, which Lambrecht said the department wants to convert into two semesters.

“But it’s not just pulling out subject matter to make it shorter,” she said. “It’s making it more inquiry-based.”

Lambrecht said this means the courses will be reorganized so students will design their own experiments and test their own hypotheses rather than follow a lab manual.

Soto said the current core sequence is outdated and the new structure will reflect what’s going on today.

More research-based learning means there will be a need for new equipment, he added.

Soto said funds from the grant will be used to purchase fieldwork equipment such as GPS units, laptops and instruments for measuring photosynthesis.

Some of the funding will be allocated to bring on a new professor, who Soto said would be expensive to employee.

“We are also hiring a new faculty member to specialize in two areas: bioinformatics and conservation issues,” Soto said.

The funding will be used to help two other groups of students —

transfers and those going on to graduate school.

“We are also going to create a component for transfer students,” Soto said. “Most of our transfers come from De Anza, so we are going to have a summer class focusing on conservation.”

Lambrecht said some of the grant would be set aside to create a program for helping students apply for graduate school.

The grant can be renewed after a four-year period.

“If we do a good job,” he said.

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and professor of theater at Texas Tech University, which has a student population that closely mirrors SJSU’s. This could be a reflection of Whitmore’s management skills.

He is the only finalist who has experience as a president of a university. This gives him a bit of an edge over the two other candidates. Eduardo Ochoa and Grobsmith are both currently provosts and vice presidents for academic affairs at their respective universities.

Louisiana State University is also considering Whitmore for a chancellor position. When audience members brought it up, Whitmore said he never submitted an application and he’s never talked to any of those concerned.

He remained tight-lipped about the issue. Perhaps he was worried he didn’t present a foolproof case that would quell the doubts some SJSU faculty and students have about his commitment to the position, which has had trouble being filled in the past.

While he doesn’t have a history of being a runaway president, Whitmore did turn in his resignation from his current position at Texas Tech after the university was on accreditation probation. He is leaving Texas Tech because, as he said, he finished the five-year

agenda he set for the university.

The quality of the people at an institution is the quality of the institution, Whitmore said.

He discussed on his record for dealing with academic problems some athletes faced. He referred back to his other workplaces, such as Texas Tech and West Virginia University, which are big on athletics.

*The SJSU supporters of the blood drive suspension can only hope Whitmore is a man of his word.*

He said the athletes at Texas Tech are in the top ten in terms of graduation success, which is a factor in alumni donations. In light of the budget cuts, fundraising skills may be helpful for the incoming SJSU president. Whitmore said he worked at two universities where he helped raise \$1 billion.

Some people in SJSU Athletics could have reservations about whether Whitmore was responsible for that, seeing as his specialty is theater.

I’m not afraid to ask somebody for help, he said.

It was significant to bring that up,

however, because the SJSU football, men’s cross country and soccer teams all scored less than 900 in two consecutive NCAA’s academic progress reports, according to a May 6 article on the ESPN Web site. If those teams were to produce a third set of low scores, they would strike out for postseason competitions.

His actions clash with his words, however, since he created 43 open faculty positions, in addition to giving raises as part of his agenda, according to the Texas Tech Web site.

He has produced 27 endowed chairs, said Judith Lessow-Hurley, chair of the Academic Senate who introduced the presidential candidate. Whitmore said he’s had experience working with faculty unions, referring to his time at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Whitmore made a smart decision in bringing up the fact that he hasn’t only served at universities in Texas, but at the State University of Buffalo and the University of Iowa as well.

He spoke to the diversity of the campus by acknowledging the importance of study abroad programs and increasing the recruitment number of students who are minorities. He conceded that Texas Tech hadn’t accomplished his goal of improving the recruitment process until later.

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